

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners special meeting  
5 p.m. January 5, 2006, Scotland County Annex, 231 E. Cronly Street, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Special Landfill Information Meeting, January 5, 2006  
Scotland County Annex, 231 East Cronly Street, Laurinburg, NC**

At 5 p.m., Chairman J.D. Willis called the special meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman J.D. Willis, Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston and Commissioners John Alford, Leon Butler and Charles “Scoofer” Jordan. Commissioners not in attendances: Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager John A. Crumpton, Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Edward Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Commissioner Alford delivered the opening prayer.

Mr. Ed Joran, Business Development for Republic Waste Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation, which focused on the history of the company, its structure, where its landfills are located, current status of Uwharrie Landfill in Montgomery County, features of a modern landfill and the structure of environmentally friendly leachate storage tanks.

Mr. Joran said siting a landfill in the most optimum location within the County is critical to moving the project along, and that must be addressed early on.

Mr. Joran said Republic sets very high standards for environmental protections and controls because the company is “in it for the long term.”

If Scotland County was to be the site for a Subtitle D modern landfill, Mr. Joran suggested it would have a 3,000-ton per day capacity. Host fees would be \$2 per ton for out-of-county solid waste, while solid waste coming from in-county residences and commercial operations would be free. A \$25 per ton fee would be charged for in-county industries.

Mr. Joran said the County would receive a \$125,000 one-time payment upon receipt of permit to operate, and the proposed life of the landfill would be 20 or 30 years. He and Mr. Bill Schrum, Republic Director of Municipal Contracting, said a proposal could be delivered to the Board of Commissioners within two weeks.

A question and answer session occurred between the Commissioners and Republic representatives.

Republic’s Mr. Jerry Greene said the worst violation in which Republic was fined occurred in upper Piedmont when barrels were sliced but did not have the tops removed. He said the State inspects Republic landfills five to six times a year at a minimum and all companies are responsible for auditing their own operations.

Commissioner Jordan said that was a concern because it would be like “putting the fox in charge of the hen house.” Mr. Joran said an option would be to assign a County employee auditing responsibilities, too.

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Mr. Schrum said Republic's parent company would guarantee any contract with the County. He said there is a demand for such a landfill. Mr. Schrum said that even if an expansion of the Uwharrie Landfill was approved, it would make sense to build another landfill in North Carolina rather than ship excess solid waste out of state.

Mr. Schrum explained that the host agreement comes first because it wouldn't make sense to invest in land if a host franchise agreement is not reached. Responding to a concern voiced by Commissioner Jordan, Mr. Schrum said exact site size remains an unknown because it varies depending on topography and depth of the water level. Mr. Schrum stressed that the Board has final approval on the site, although the company would look at multiple sites to determine which would be best suited for a landfill.

Mr. Schrum discussed the liability assumed by the company after closure of the landfill. Mr. Schrum said if an agreeable site could not be located, the agreement would be dissolved with no indemnity placed upon the County.

Mr. Schrum said if a landfill was sited in Scotland County, it probably would employ 15 people and encourage a trucking company to locate its base operations in the County.

County Manager Crumpton suggested that Republic consider a host fee for in-county industrial waste accepted at the landfill if a franchise host agreement was to be presented. Mr. Schrum said that would be possible.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Jordan to go into Closed Session held in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

Chairman Willis said the Commissioners went into closed session to consult with the attorney and there was no decision made on a host franchise agreement nor was a decision made regarding the Republic presentation.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk

J.D. Willis  
Chairman